Manitoba

Preliminary Financial Report

Hon. Greg Selinger – Minister of Finance

For the Year Ended March 31, 2000

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA
NOTES TO THE PRELIMINARY UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2000

This report presents the unaudited financial results for the Province of Manitoba for the year ended March 31, 2000. The amounts reported represent the most current data available and it is expected that they will remain largely unchanged when final audited financial statements are issued for the year.

These financial statements incorporate the impact of the Province's change in accounting policy respecting tangible capital assets and, as such, include amortization expense related to capital assets in the statements of operating expenditure. All assets acquired in 1999/2000 are reported in a new statement of Part B - Capital Investment in accordance with the new accounting policy as presented in the 1999/2000 Estimates of Expenditure. These changes are described in more detail later in the document under the section, "Changes in Accounting Policy".

The structure of the statements reflects the change in government organization announced in October, 1999. The comparative data provided for the 1998/99 fiscal year reflects the current organizational structure of departments as well as changes in accounting policy related to tangible capital assets.

1999/2000 YEAR-END RESULTS

For the 1999/2000 fiscal year, a surplus balance of $9.9 million was achieved. This represents an increase of $5.1 million from the $4.8 million projected in the Third Quarter Financial Report. The improvement is primarily due to a combination of better than anticipated own-source revenues and lower debt servicing costs, offset by reductions in federal transfers and increased provisions for loan losses.

In accordance with recommendations to improve reporting contained in past reports of the Provincial Auditor and the independent financial review, transfers from the Fiscal Stabilization Fund and to the Debt Retirement Fund will be recorded as inter-fund transfers for the purposes of determining compliance with balanced budget legislation in 2000/01. In 1999/2000 this accounting treatment results in a net expenditure, or shortfall, before inter-fund transfers of $99.7 million, $11.4 million more than the net expenditure of $88.3 million related to the 1999 Budget.

Comparison to Budget

Total expenditures were $6,431.8 million, an increase of $446.0 million, or 7.5%, from the budget estimate of $5,985.8 million. The increase was largely due to a $177.1 million, or 8.3%, increase in health care, including: a $95.0 million increase in Acute Care Services (including Regional Health Authority deficits); a $34.8 million increase in the Medical Program mainly driven by fee and wage settlements; a $26.4 million provision against the investment in the Health Information Network; and a $13.3 million increase in Pharmacare due to price and volume increases.

In addition, significant increases occurred in both Agriculture and Food and in Other Appropriations primarily related to assistance programs. The $91.7 million increase in Agriculture and Food resulted from additional assistance of $40.0 million for the Canada-Manitoba Adjustment Program and $55.0 million for the Agricultural Income Disaster Assistance program ($9.0 million for 1998 AIDA; $22.4 million for 1999 AIDA and $23.6 million for enhanced AIDA). The $102.7 million increase in Other Appropriations primarily relates to $82.0 million for disaster assistance costs associated with 1999 flooding in western Manitoba and $21.0 million related to additional 1997 flood claims.

Other expenditure increases from the budget include: $44.0 million in Industry Trade and Mines as a result of increased provisions for loan losses based on the latest valuation of past investments, $15.3 million in Enabling Appropriations mainly due to a provision against the Better Systems Initiative, $10.1 million in Education and Training mainly due to the new millennium scholarship fund, $3.8 million in Justice mainly due to additional corrections costs, and $2.7 million in Legislative Assembly expenditures based on final 1999 election costs.

Comparison to Budget (continued)

These expenditure increases were partially offset by a $44.1 million decrease in Conservation spending mainly due to the timing of construction projects under the flood-proofing program and a $15.5 million reduction in public debt interest expenditures primarily due to a higher than anticipated value of the Canadian dollar at year-end.

Total revenue was $6,332.1 million, an increase of $434.6 million, or 7.4% from the budget estimate of $5,897.5 million including a $344.4 million, or 20.0%, increase in federal transfers and a $90.2 million, or 2.2%, increase in own-source revenue.

The increase in federal transfers is primarily due to a $301.7 million increase in Equalization revenue as a result of revised federal estimates comprised of a $143.7 million increase in in-year entitlements and a $158.0 million increase in adjustments to prior years' entitlements. In addition, increases in expenditures eligible for cost-sharing resulted in related increases in federal transfer revenue of $22.4 million for the 1999 AIDA program and $22.3 million for disaster financial assistance program expenditures related to flooding and $10.6 million related to the Canada-Manitoba Millennium Scholarship Fund.

The increase in own-source revenue is primarily due to a $101.8 million increase in Corporation Income Tax revenue as a result of revised federal estimates based on higher than expected corporate performance. The increase in Corporation Income Tax is comprised of a $67.1 million increase in in-year entitlements and a $34.7 million increase in adjustments for prior years. Other increases in own-source revenue include an $8.5 million increase in Corporation Capital Tax; a $7.8 million increase in Retail Sales Tax revenue, a $5.9 million increase in lotteries revenue; and a $4.1 million increase in Mining Tax revenue. These increases are offset by a $35.1 million reduction in Individual Income Tax revenue primarily due to correction of artificially high prior year payments as a result of the impact of the 1997 flood on tax filings as noted in past financial reports.

Comparison to Previous Year

Expenditures increased by $548.0 million, or 9.3%, from 1998/99 actual expenditures. This increase is primarily comprised of a $249.2 million, or 12.1%, increase in Health spending in the areas of acute and medical services (primarily due to wage settlements), pharmacare and home care, and the provision against the investment in the Health Information Network.

Other increases include $106.0 million in Agriculture and Food spending primarily for supplementary income assistance programs, a $72.0 million increase in Other Appropriations mainly due to disaster assistance related to flooding in Western Manitoba, a $70.2 million or 6.3%, increase in Education and Training spending primarily attributable to increased support to schools, colleges and universities, and a $36.8 million increase in Industry, Trade and Mines primarily related to loan loss provisions on investments. Spending by Family Services and Housing increased $42.2 million or 6.0% due to increased program support as well as the impact of the transfer of responsibility for income assistance programs from the City of Winnipeg. The increase related to the transfer was offset through a reduction in grant support to the City of Winnipeg by the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs. As well, interest on the public debt was $50.0 million less than last year due to more favourable exchange rates and the impact of the debt repayment made during 1999/2000.

Revenue increased by $450.0 million, or 7.7% from 1998/99 actual revenue. Federal transfers increased $507.9 million, primarily due to an increase of $359.4 million in Equalization payments due in part to the continued impact of the 1997 flood on transfers and Individual Income Tax collections. This increase was partially offset by a reduction in Individual Income Tax. As well, transfer payments increased due to the payment of $130.6 million for the 1999/2000 Federal Health Supplement. Continued strength in the economy resulted in own source revenue increases including $91.6 million in Corporation Income Tax, $35.0 million in Retail Sales Tax (increase of 4.0% from 1998/99), and a $14.4 million increase in Corporation Capital Tax. Individual Income Tax revenue declined by $195.9 million mainly due to the adjustment related to the 1997 flood, as previously noted.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICY

Effective April 1, 1999, the Province implemented an accounting change with respect to tangible capital assets in accordance with new accounting standards issued by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. The change in reporting results in the expenditure on tangible assets being amortized "on an expense basis" over the useful life of the asset. To reflect this change in accounting policy, expenditure now has two separate components, Part A - Operating Expenditure and Part B - Capital Investment.

Part A - Operating Expenditure represents expenditures consistent with previous years excluding expenditures now defined as Capital Investment under the new accounting policy, including the addition of amortization costs for capital assets.

Part B - Capital Investment is the expenditure for the acquisition of assets now defined as capital investments under the new accounting policy. It is important to note that, for multi-year projects, this authority represents only the annual cost required to acquire the assets and not the total cost of a project or asset.

In order to make year over year comparisons meaningful, the actual expenditures for the year ended March 31, 1999 have been adjusted to reflect the impact of the change in the capital asset accounting policy. This restatement affects the amounts for some departments as amortization for the period is added and amounts that would have been classified as Part B – Capital Investment were recorded as such. The restatement of capital expenditure impacts on total expenditure as follows.

	Part A Operating Expenditure	Part B Capital Investment
	(thousands of dollars)	
Expenditure as at March 31, 1999	5,886,606	-
Restatement of Capital Expenditure		
Deduct: To Part B – Capital Investment	(12,830)	12,830
Add: Amortization of Capital Assets	9,991	-
Adjusted Expenditure as at March 31, 1999	5,883,767	12,830

DEBT RETIREMENT FUND

The legislated 1999/2000 transfer to the Debt Retirement Fund of $75.0 million was incorporated in the first quarter. This transfer, combined with money already set aside in the Debt Retirement Fund, was used to pay off $305.1 million of Manitoba's debt in April. These transactions are shown in the statement entitled "Debt Retirement Fund" on page 13 of this financial report.

FISCAL STABILIZATION FUND

As reflected in the 1999/2000 Budget, $184.7 million has been transferred from the Fiscal Stabilization Fund. Details of the Fund are provided on page 12 of this report. At the end of the 1999/2000 fiscal year, the fund has a balance of $263.9 million.

BORROWING ACTIVITY

The original estimate of borrowing requirements for the 1999/2000 fiscal year of $2,356.1 million increased to $2,394.3 million to reflect an increase in savings bond redemptions, an increased allocation to the Provincial Sinking Fund, and a portion of Manitoba Hydro's requirements being deferred to the next fiscal year. This includes $1,067.6 million for refinancing maturing debt issues with the balance required for self-sustaining programs, including Manitoba Hydro, and to fund an allocation to the Provincial Sinking Fund for the repurchase of foreign debt.

Of the 1999/2000 borrowing requirements, $250.7 million was raised through the issue of Builder Bonds Series 5 with the remainder raised in the public market.

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA
OPERATING FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2000
(with comparative figures for March 31, 1999)
(UNAUDITED)

1998/99 ACTUAL (1)	1999/2000 ACTUAL	INCREASE (DECREASE)		1999/2000 ACTUAL	1999/2000 ESTIMATE	1999/2000 VARIANCE
(thousands of dollars)				(thousands of dollars)		
			Revenue			
4,322,411	4,264,578	(57,833)	Own Source Revenue	4,264,578	4,174,401	90,177
1,559,623	2,067,486	507,863	Government of Canada	2,067,486	1,723,060	344,426
5,882,034	6,332,064	450,030	**Total Revenue**	6,332,064	5,897,461	434,603
			Expenditure			
5,368,401	5,966,481	598,080	Program Expenditure	5,966,481	5,504,985	461,496
515,366	465,329	(50,037)	Public Debt Costs	465,329	480,800	(15,471)
5,883,767	6,431,810	548,043	**Total Expenditure**	6,431,810	5,985,785	446,025
(1,733)	(99,746)	98,013	**Net Revenue/(Expenditure)**	(99,746)	(88,324)	11,422
			Interfund Transfers			
(150,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)	Debt Retirement	(75,000)	(75,000)	-
185,702	184,702	(1,000)	Fiscal Stabilization Fund	184,702	184,702	-
33,969	9,956	(24,013)	**Balance under Balanced Budget Legislation**	9,956	21,378	(11,422)
(31,130)	(9,956)	(21,174)	Less: Net Revenue Transferred to Fiscal Stabilization Fund	(9,956)	(21,378)	(11,422)
2,839	-	(2,839)	**Net Result - Transferred to Accumulated Deficit**	-	-	-

NOTE (1) 1998/99 results have been restated to reflect the change in accounting policy with respect to tangible capital assets (see page 3).

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA
STATEMENT OF OPERATING FUND REVENUE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2000
(with comparative figures for March 31, 1999)
(UNAUDITED)

1998/99 ACTUAL (1)	1999/2000 ACTUAL (1)	INCREASE (DECREASE)		1999/2000 ACTUAL (1)	1999/2000 ESTIMATE (1)	1999/2000 VARIANCE
(thousands of dollars)				(thousands of dollars)		
			Taxation:			
			Consumer and Corporate Affairs			
38,836	39,683	847	- Insurance Corporations Tax	39,683	38,700	983
11,505	12,050	545	- Land Transfer Tax	12,050	12,000	50
			Conservation			
1,616	3,303	1,687	- Oil and Natural Gas Tax	3,303	2,952	351
			Finance			
215,228	306,819	91,591	- Corporation Income Tax	306,819	205,000	101,819
1,807,158	1,611,232	(195,926)	- Individual Income Tax	1,611,232	1,646,300	(35,068)
120,166	134,544	14,378	- Corporation Capital Tax	134,544	126,000	8,544
155,673	154,374	(1,299)	- Gasoline Tax	154,374	157,000	(2,626)
224,122	225,255	1,133	- Levy for Health and Education	225,255	230,000	(4,745)
2,765	7,262	4,497	- Mining Tax	7,262	3,200	4,062
68,712	64,059	(4,653)	- Motive Fuel Tax	64,059	66,700	(2,641)
882,709	917,667	34,958	- Retail Sales Tax	917,667	909,900	7,767
55,330	56,956	1,626	- Revenue Act, 1964, Part I	56,956	55,000	1,956
114,919	112,531	(2,388)	- Tobacco Tax	112,531	113,000	(469)
2,995	3,349	354	- Environmental Protection Tax	3,349	3,000	349
111	111	-	- Other taxes	111	112	(1)
3,701,845	3,649,195	(52,650)		3,649,195	3,568,864	80,331
			Other Revenue:			
2,285	6,234	3,949	Agriculture and Food	6,234	6,433	(199)
8,498	4,014	(4,484)	Consumer and Corporate Affairs	4,014	3,779	235
12,413	2,333	(10,080)	Finance	2,333	1,958	375
75,773	73,179	(2,594)	Highways and Government Services	73,179	71,684	1,495
225,130	224,926	(204)	Manitoba Lotteries Corporation	224,926	219,000	5,926
151,710	156,304	4,594	Liquor Control Commission	156,304	152,000	4,304
491	2,926	2,435	Sale of Government Assets	2,926	5,710	(2,784)
144,266	145,467	1,201	Other Departments	145,467	144,973	494
620,566	615,383	(5,183)		615,383	605,537	9,846
4,322,411	4,264,578	(57,833)	**Total Own Source Revenue**	4,264,578	4,174,401	90,177

NOTE (1) These values have been adjusted to exclude transfers from the Fiscal Stabilization Fund as revenue.

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA
OPERATING FUND
STATEMENT OF OPERATING FUND REVENUE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2000
(with comparative figures for March 31, 1999)
(UNAUDITED)

1998/99 ACTUAL (1)	1999/00 ACTUAL (1)	INCREASE (DECREASE)		1999/00 ACTUAL (1)	1999/00 ESTIMATE (1)	1999/00 VARIANCE
(thousands of dollars)				(thousands of dollars)		
			Government of Canada:			
912,382	1,271,747	359,365	Equalization	1,271,747	970,000	301,747
513,301	503,638	(9,663)	Canada Health and Social Transfer	503,638	499,200	4,438
-	130,595	130,595	Federal Health Supplement	130,595	131,000	(405)
			Other			
17,421	10,345	(7,076)	- Conservation	10,345	26,955	(16,610)
59,858	73,947	14,089	- Education and Training	73,947	62,730	11,217
27,698	47,601	19,903	- Emergency Expenditures	47,601	2,900	44,701
28,963	29,613	650	- Other Departments	29,613	30,275	(662)
1,559,623	2,067,486	507,863		2,067,486	1,723,060	344,426
5,882,034	6,332,064	450,030	**Total Revenue**	6,332,064	5,897,461	434,603

NOTE (1) These values have been adjusted to exclude transfers from the Fiscal Stabilization Fund as revenue.

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA
OPERATING FUND
STATEMENT OF PART A – OPERATING EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2000
(with comparative figures for March 31, 1999)
(UNAUDITED)

1998/99 ACTUAL	1999/2000 ACTUAL	INCREASE (DECREASE)		1999/2000 ACTUAL	1999/2000 ESTIMATE	1999/2000 VARIANCE
(thousands of dollars)				(thousands of dollars)		
19,284	28,906	9,622	Legislative Assembly	28,906	26,251	2,655
3,461	4,301	840	Executive Council	4,301	4,480	(179)
18,599	20,687	2,088	Aboriginal and Northern Affairs	20,687	20,180	507
99,575	205,567	105,992	Agriculture and Food	205,567	113,889	91,678
2,392	6,029	3,637	Children and Youth Secretariat	6,029	6,111	(82)
4,053	4,445	392	Civil Service Commission	4,445	4,779	(334)
6,250	6,295	45	Community Support Programs	6,295	6,318	(23)
146,274	140,573	(5,701)	Conservation	140,573	184,703	(44,130)
9,734	8,903	(831)	Consumer and Corporate Affairs	8,903	9,329	(426)
56,091	59,339	3,248	Culture, Heritage and Tourism	59,339	58,969	370
1,120,030	1,190,188	70,158	Education and Training	1,190,188	1,180,103	10,085
47,976	52,284	4,308	Employee Benefits and Other Payments	52,284	50,754	1,530
701,051	743,297	42,246	Family Services and Housing	743,297	746,921	(3,624)
723,589	688,501	(35,088)	Finance	688,501	703,957	(15,456)
2,057,217	2,306,415	249,198	Health	2,306,415	2,129,307	177,108
291,854	291,873	19	Highways and Government Services	291,873	292,080	(207)
51,465	88,216	36,751	Industry, Trade and Mines	88,216	44,175	44,041
136,633	110,043	(26,590)	Intergovernmental Affairs	110,043	108,971	1,072
191,678	211,665	19,987	Justice	211,665	207,820	3,845
18,067	21,732	3,665	Labour	21,732	22,028	(296)
729	918	189	Seniors Directorate	918	929	(11)
15,519	10,547	(4,972)	Sport	10,547	10,557	(10)
872	1,124	252	Status of Women	1,124	1,202	(78)
23,784	20,347	(3,437)	Enabling Appropriations	20,347	5,070	15,277
137,590	209,615	72,025	Other Appropriations	209,615	106,902	102,713
-	-	-	Year-End Savings	-	(60,000)	60,000
5,883,767	6,431,810	548,043	**Total Expenditure**	6,431,810	5,985,785	446,025

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA
STATEMENT OF PART B – CAPITAL INVESTMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2000
(with comparative figures for March 31, 1999)
(UNAUDITED)

1998/99 ACTUAL	1999/2000 ACTUAL	INCREASE (DECREASE)		1999/2000 ACTUAL	1999/2000 ESTIMATE	1999/2000 VARIANCE
(thousands of dollars)				(thousands of dollars)		
235	-	(235)	Legislative Assembly	-	-	-
117	119	2	Agriculture and Food	119	13	106
1,597	1,059	(538)	Conservation	1,059	280	779
31	-	(31)	Culture, Heritage and Tourism	-	-	-
115	60	(55)	Education and Training	60	-	60
13	8,708	8,695	Family Services and Housing	8,708	8,710	(2)
-	10,599	10,599	Finance	10,599	7,400	3,199
252	2,149	1,897	Health	2,149	20,700	(18,551)
10,169	53,752	43,583	Highways and Government Services	53,752	42,154	11,598
301	-	(301)	Justice	-	-	-
-	34,746	34,746	Enabling Appropriations	34,746	34,000	746
12,830	111,192	98,362	**Total Capital Investment**	111,192	113,257	(2,065)

NOTE: In 1998/99, the Better Methods initiative (Finance), Desktop Management Initiative (Highways and Government Services), Health Information Network (Health) and Better Systems Initiative (Other Appropriations) were funded from the Government Information Systems Management Organization (Man.) Inc.

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA
OPERATING FUND
STATEMENT OF VALUATION AND PURPOSE OF
DIRECT AND GUARANTEED DEBT OUTSTANDING
MARCH 31, 2000
(with comparative figures for March 31, 1999)
(UNAUDITED)

Canadian Dollar Equivalent at Date of Issue March 31/00	Canadian Dollar Equivalent at Date of Issue March 31/99	Increase (Decrease) March 31/00 over March 31/99			Canadian Dollar Valuation (Note 1) March 31/00	Canadian Dollar Valuation (Note 1) March 31/99	Increase (Decrease) Mar. 31/00 over March 31/99
(thousands of dollars)					(thousands of dollars)		
			Direct Debt Payable in:				
11,158,247	10,202,979	955,268	Canadian Dollars		11,130,447	10,175,179	955,268
2,739,675	1,991,737	747,938	Issues Swapped to Canadian Dollars		2,837,913	2,045,427	792,486
4,153,883	4,311,071	(157,188)	U.S. Dollars		5,087,250	5,517,267	(430,017)
510,273	740,294	(230,021)	Issues Swapped to U.S. Dollars		574,016	880,384	(306,368)
18,562,078	17,246,081	1,315,997	Total Direct Debt		19,629,626	18,618,257	1,011,369
			Guaranteed Debt Payable in:				
421,219	479,633	(58,414)	Canadian Dollars		421,219	479,632	(58,413)
-	296,709	(296,709)	U.S. Dollars		-	296,709	(296,709)
421,219	776,342	(355,123)	Total Guaranteed Debt		421,219	776,341	(355,122)
18,983,297	18,022,423	960,874	**Total Direct and Guaranteed Debt**	(Note 2)	20,050,845	19,394,598	656,247
6,591,620	5,766,744	824,876	Less: Sinking Fund Investments		6,591,620	5,766,744	824,876
-	230,071	(230,071)	Less: Debt Retirement Fund		-	230,071	(230,071)
12,391,677	12,025,608	366,069	**Net Direct and Guaranteed Debt**	(Note 3)	13,459,225	13,397,783	61,442

Note 1: The Canadian Dollar Valuation is calculated using the foreign currency exchange rates in effect at March 31, 2000 and March 31, 1999 adjusted for any foreign currency contracts entered into for settlement after these dates.

Note 2: Direct and Guaranteed Debt are payable in Canadian and U.S. dollars. As at March 31, 2000, total Gross Debt was payable 72% in Canadian dollars and 28% in U.S. dollars. Of this total, General Purpose Debt and Other Debt was payable 85% in Canadian dollars (78% at March 31, 1999) and 15% in U.S. dollars (22% at March 31, 1999) while Manitoba Hydro was payable 47% in Canadian dollars (43% at March 31, 1999) and 53% in U.S. dollars (57% at March 31, 1999)

Note 3: The above debt was issued for the following purposes:

	March 31, 2000		March 31, 1999	
	(in thousands)	(per capita) (Note 4)	(in thousands)	(per capita) (Note 4)
General Government Programs	6,473,434	5,641	6,632,000	5,810
The Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board	5,798,038	5,052	5,676,452	4,973
Other	942,853	822	947,531	830
Capital Investments	244,900	213	141,800	124
	13,459,225	11,728	13,397,783	11,737

Note 4: Per capita data is based upon population figures at April 1, 2000 and April 1, 1999 as reported by Statistics Canada.

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA
OPERATING FUND
STATEMENT OF ACCUMULATED DEFICIT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2000
(with comparative figures for March 31, 1999)
(UNAUDITED)

	1999/2000	1998/99
	(thousands of dollars)	
ACCUMULATED DEFICIT, BEGINNING OF YEAR	7,178,560	7,081,311
Prior years' adjustments		
Transfer for Debt Retirement Payment	(305,103)	-
Capitalization of Tangible Capital Assets	(164,869)	-
Accrual of Severance Payable	-	104,998
Repurchase of Serial Debentures of School Divisions and Districts	(5,969)	(7,749)
Net Result for the year	-	-
ACCUMULATED DEFICIT, END OF YEAR	6,702,619	7,178,560

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA
FISCAL STABILIZATION FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2000
(with comparative figures for March 31, 1999)
(UNAUDITED)

	1999/2000 Actual	1998/99 Actual
	(thousands of dollars)	
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	427,311	565,003
Revenue:		
Interest Earnings	11,313	16,881
Transfer from Operating Fund Revenue	9,956	31,130
	21,269	48,011
Expenditure:		
1998/99 Transfer	-	185,703
1999/2000 Transfer	184,702	-
	184,702	185,703
Fund Balance, End of Year	263,878	427,311

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA
DEBT RETIREMENT FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2000
(with comparative figures for March 31, 1999)
(UNAUDITED)

	1999/2000 Actual	1998/99 Actual
	(thousands of dollars)	
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	230,071	76,308
Revenue:		
Interest Earnings	32	3,763
Transfer from Operating Fund Revenue	75,000	150,000
	75,032	153,763
Expenditure:		
Debt Retirement Payment	305,103	-
Fund Balance, End of Year	-	230,071